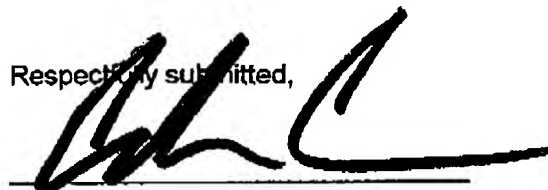


REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding non-final Office action of October 4, 2006. The Examiner has required the applicant to elect to prosecute one of five groups of claims identified in the Office Action. In response to the restriction requirement, applicant respectfully elects to prosecute the claims of Group I, corresponding to claims 1-8. As such, claims 9-21 are canceled from this application, yet Applicant reserves the right to pursue such claims in a divisional application.

A prompt and favorable action on the merits of this application is now respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this response, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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